

**Not R2 SS, But Should Be Considered for other  
Emphasis Species Lists**

**Recommendations and Evaluations**

**Common Name:** Bufflehead

**Scientific Name:** *Bucephala albeola*

**Recommendation:** **Not R2 SS, be should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists**

**Recommendation Rationale:**

[**Note:** Significant additional information was not presented in the species review.] The species is peripheral in R2, with the core of its range to the north and west of R2. In R2, the species is known to breed in only one location on the Routt NF in western Jackson County, Colorado. The Colorado DOW actively monitors and manages this apparently stable population of 50-100 breeding pairs. It is a secondary cavity nester that prefers aspen cavities adjacent to ponds, but readily accepts artificial nest boxes. Evidence detailed in the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas indicates that FS road maintenance likely caused loss of reproductive success in one location, supporting contention that FS management actions can affect species conservation. We don't see a compelling reason to designate as a Regional sensitive species at this time, due to DOW management and apparent stability. We do, however, recommend the Routt NF consider this a species of local management concern to ensure that FS actions do not create adverse effects for this population.